Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 02 May 2024 until 23:59 on Friday 03 May 2024

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 01 May 2024 at 09:55 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for mostly dry weather next few days but increasing risk of showers as we go through the weekend. Lower confidence on cloud amounts each day.

Headline for Thursday 02 May 2024: Dry. Sunny periods developing. Warm at lower levels but feeling colder in strong winds on higher ridges.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 02 May 2024

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG	FOG					
Fog	Fog	Fog	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Thursday 02 May 2024

Weather: Staying dry with extensive cloud and some mist patches gradually dispersing from many ranges during the morning. Some patches could linger into the afternoon, especially north and east of area.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% improving 90% by afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Widespread poor visibility at first in mist and low cloud. Pockets of good visibility will become more extensive during morning with clouds well down the hills gradually thinning and dispersing. Just a few patches of poor visibility and lower cloud persisting in the afternoon.

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Forecast for Thursday 02 May 2024

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	23/29 NE	29/35 E	33/41 E	36/46 E	34/43 E	32/42 E	40/53 E	36/46 E	35/44 E
900	13/16 NE	15/19 E	18/22 E	22/28 E	26/34 E	26/35 E	32/41 E	27/34 E	23/29 E
600	7/10 NE	10/13 E	8/12 NE	10/16 SE	18/26 E	19/27 E	18/27 E	9/15 NE	9/14 NE
300	5/12 NE	5/12 NE	4/10 NE	8/17 NE	10/21 E	11/25 E	11/24 E	6/15 NE	5/14 NE
Glen	3/11 N	3/11 NE	3/10 N	4/12 NE	6/18 NE	7/21 E	5/18 NE	3/11 NE	2/9 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	5/-0	7/1	7/1	7/1	6/0	6/-0	5/-2	4/-3	4/-3
900	8/4	7/4	8/4	10/6	10/6	10/5	10/4	8/3	7/3
600	9/7	7/4	7/5	10/8	12/9	12/9	10/7	8/5	6/3
300	10/9	8/6	8/6	12/10	16/14	16/14	12/10	9/7	7/6
Glen	10/9	8/7	8/7	12/11	17/16	17/15	14/12	9/9	7/6
Freezing Level*	2500m	2600m	2300m	2100m	2000m	1900m	2100m	2200m	2000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Quite windy and feeling colder over higher ridges/summits. Becoming warm in the sunshine on lower slopes but higher UV levels will give an enhanced sunburn risk.

Forecast for Friday 03 May 2024

Weather: Dry for much of the day with some morning sunshine after clearance of mist and low cloud. Clouds thickening later with a few showers breaking out.

Maximum wind: Easterly winds easing during the day, average speeds of 25mph gusts 40mph on tops at first, decreasing 15 to 20mph in afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%

Low cloud and visibility: Patches of poor visibility and banks of low cloud at first, mostly dispersing during morning. Otherwise mostly good visibility with occasional cloud cover above 700 to 800m, more extensive later in the day.

Temperature: **Glens:** 9 Celsius rising to 18 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 11 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the tops.

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